

“Keeping In Touch”

Quarterly Newsletter by/for
Fish & Game Retirees/Families and
Interested Former Employees

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Dates to Remember

**Retiree Luncheon
Schedule
Golden Corral
on Emerald in Boise
11:30 a.m.**

**2012
July 12
September 13
November 8**

Mark Your Calendars!

Editor's Note

Sorry this issue is so late but I wanted to include dates for Roger Williams' memorial services since the next newsletter would not be out until after that date.

Thanks for your patience.

Idaho's Wildlife Summit *Excerpted from Idaho Fish & Game News*

The Idaho Wildlife Summit is slated for August 24-26 (Friday afternoon and Saturday morning) at the Riverside Hotel in Boise.

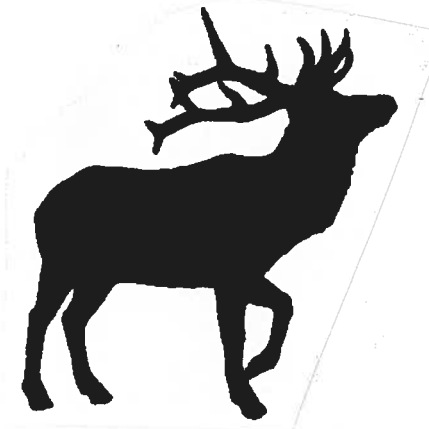
The main event will be in Boise, with concurrent events held in Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, Salmon, Twin Falls, Pocatello and Idaho Falls. People also may participate online.

The event opens with a reception. Then, the Saturday morning program will feature presentations by Shane Mahoney, biologist and prominent spokesman for wildlife conservation from Newfoundland in eastern Canada; by Toni Hardesty, former director of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and now director for the Nature Conservancy - Idaho; and by Jim Posewitz, founder of Orion The Hunter's Institute.

They will set up the issue facing Idaho and the future of wildlife management and of finding broader support for Fish and Game obligations not directly related to hunting and fishing. Summit participants will be able to exchange ideas during a structured discussion. They will gather four to a table to discuss a series of questions and record their thoughts, etc.

The summit winds up Sunday with a summary session, a panel discussion. IDFG Director Virgil Moore emphasized that the summit is not a referendum nor a vote on any policy or program. It is only the first step, the foundation for the discussion that will continue to define wildlife management in Idaho. If you are interested in attending, go online for information: <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/summit/>. Informational pamphlets are also available at IDFG offices.

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Idaho Game Warden Magazine

Another item I am calling to your attention is the Idaho Game Warden Magazine. I'm sure that if you have not seen it, all you retirees/former employees would be interested in reading it. After I picked up a copy at Headquarters, I was sold. It is great to read the articles by the people you have worked with or are acquainted with and to read about the great work they do for the department. A subscription only costs \$10 per year for two issues (\$20 for 2 years).

You can subscribe by sending a check or money order (payable to ICOA) to: Idaho Game Warden Magazine, P.O. Box 9556, Boise, ID 83707.

A Memoir of an Undercover Game Warden

Just a reminder: *Tony Latham's* second book is now available at Barnes & Noble, Amazon.com and also for your Kindle or Nook. It is a nonfiction game warden novel about an undercover case Tony worked back in 1992. From what I've heard, it is a great read. *(When I get some spare time, I plan to download it to my new Kindle. — JJF)*

Thank You!

To *Wayne Melquist* and *Kate Bethke* for your very generous donations and kind words. And to *Steve Huffaker* for obtaining

a copy of the "Biographical Information of the Poachers Club" for me. I hope to have an article in the next issue with a synopsis of the history of the club.

Welcome New Retirees!!

Ed Jochum, Panhandle Region District Conservation Officer, retired April 27 after 31 years of service. *Carmen Brewton*, Lead Postal Clerk for HQ's mailroom, retired May 16 after 3 ½ years.

Ed Buettner, Clearwater Region Sr. Fishery Research Biologist, retired June 30 after 32 ½ years.

John Hanson, Upper Snake Regional Conservation Officer, is retiring July 26 after 31 years.

Tom Frew, Fish Hatchery Supervisor, retired July 20 after 30 years.

Retiree Updates

I am very happy to report to all of you who have inquired about the *Conleys*, that *Jerry and Janet* are still doing okay. Janet says they are expecting family for a couple of weeks starting the first week of July and they are both looking forward to that.

Thank you, *Jack Fisher*, for forwarding the following information from *Roger and Norma McCormack*. "Good news. Norma had surgery on the 28th (June) to rejoin her small intestine and colon and eliminate her ileostomy.

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The surgeon was extremely pleased to find that the chemo had done a good job in eliminating most of the cancer. The plan now is to let the re-joined sections heal and then start her on regular food (no more TPN). After several months, she will have three more chemo cycles and then they will evaluate her situation. — *Roger*" (*Wonderful news, Roger. We will keep you and Norma in our thoughts and prayers. JJF*)

In Memoriam**Roger M. Williams**

Roger Williams, 85, passed away at home in Meridian on July 6, 2012. Born and raised in Pennsylvania, he came to Idaho to attend the University of Idaho, and received his Master's degree in Wildlife Management. After serving two years in the Army, he began his career at Idaho Fish and Game in November 1952. He served 32 years, retiring as the Chief of Program Coordination.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 15, 2012 at the Meridian United Methodist Church, 240 East Idaho, Meridian.

(If you want to read Roger's full obituary, let me know and I will be happy to send it to you. Or go to <http://www.idahostatesman.com>. JJF)

James Nixon

Services were held June 15 in Nampa for *James Lavelle Nixon* who passed away June 11, 2012. Jim worked for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game for 21 years. At the time of his retirement, he was the Utility Craftsman at Sawtooth Fish Hatchery.

Gladys "Berklee" Cudmore

Berklee Cudmore, 87, passed away May 12, 2012 after an extended illness. A Memorial Service was held in her honor May 22 at the New Hope Nazarene Church in Boise. She is survived by her three children and their spouses, Mark Cudmore, *Pat and Sandy Cudmore*, Dixie and Chuck Heaton; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Lloyd Tankersley

Lloyd Fern Tankersley, 80, passed away June 14, 2012 at his home in Parker Arizona. A celebration of his life will be held in Boise, Idaho September 29. Lloyd was the brother of retired Personnel Officer *Dale Tankersley*.

Josephine M. Kiler

Josephine M. Kiler, 85, passed away July 6, 2012, at home. Services were held July 10 at St. Marks Catholic Church in Boise, followed by graveside services at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery. Jo was the wife of

former IDFG employee *Alvard "Al" Kiler* and the mother of *Keith Kiler* and mother-in-law to *Gayle Valentine*. She is also survived by her other children Lynn Dee Jensen, Kay, Kirk and Kelly; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Special Recognition to A Great Friend

I would like to also send our deepest sympathies to *Barbara Alverson* who just lost a great friend, *Carl Sielaff*. Barb and Carl were neighbors who helped each other out with various tasks after their spouses passed away. Carl did yard work, etc., for Barb and she cooked many good meals for him. For many years, Barb took Carl to his doctor appointments and chemotherapy treatments when he was unable to drive. They also collected lots of credits on their Shari's Honored Citizen's Loyalty card for the meals they purchased there.

You may have seen Carl's picture/story in the newspapers, on many magazine covers or on ESPN television as he was one of BSU Broncos' biggest fans. Carl passed away June 27 at the Veterans Hospital at the age of 82 from colon and bone cancer, the result of being exposed to bomb tests on the Marshall Islands during the Korean War.

Our deepest sympathies go out to all the families.

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Dual Sport Motorcycling Unparalleled

By Martel Morache

Part 2

(If you can't remember the first part, find your last issue and re-read it! Just joking!)

The next morning found us heading north on the Zumwalt road on the high plateau between the Imnaha and the Grand Ronde. This is summer range for the ranches in the surrounding country, including the Imnaha Canyon. About 30 miles to the north the road leads to Buckhorn Lookout. This provides an overlook of the Lower Imnaha Canyon and two primary tributaries, Lightning Creek and Cow Creek, draining off the Divide country near Lords Flats. The area looks to be standing on end, as does most of HCNRA.

We continued out Cold Spring Ridge for some 15 miles where the two-track drops into Cold Springs Creek, then Horse Creek and into Cottonwood Creek, the major drainage. We were then basically in Washington and just north of HCNRA. We then intercepted the road into the old mining town of Rogersburg on the west bank of the Snake and the south side of the Grand Ronde. Just north of the mouth of the Grand Ronde is a major take-out site for rafters and kayakers floating down the Lower Salmon and the Snake. It is also a launch site for jet boats ascending the Lower Salmon and the Snake rivers.

The jets provide access for sturgeon, steelhead, catfish, bass and trout fishing. In addition, chukar, deer and bear attract others. A sight-seeing jet-boat trip from here is also well worthwhile. Currently, there is extensive discussion concerning the balance of use between floaters and power boats in the HCNRA. From the mouth of the Grande Ronde a narrow twisting paved road runs north along the west side of the river for approximately 25 miles to Asotin, Washington. This stretch of river is a tremendously important playground for water-based recreation for the people of Asotin, Clarkston and Lewiston.

Just north of Asotin we crossed the Snake River back to Idaho. A major landmark here is Swallow Rock on the Washington side. This was our first opportunity in over 100 miles to get back to Idaho since the bridge just below Oxbow Dam. A back country route south of Lewiston swings east up Tammany Creek. We then took the Waha Lake and Soldiers Meadow Reservoir road in the Craig Mountain country south of Lewiston. The Craig Mountain area is an important hunting area for

Lewiston residents. Deer, elk, grouse, chukar and turkey attract the hunters. The road continues east around the headwaters of Mission Creek through dry-land wheat country.

Then we swung south of Cottonwood Butte (the major landmark) to Kueterville. Somehow after a sweetwater stop west of Cottonwood Butte, we became separated like a flock of quail on a panic flush. Actually, we were strung out trying to avoid each other's dust and got lost. Luckily, all roads led to Kueterville. Then it was on to a gas stop at Cottonwood. Our route then took us south down Grave Creek to the Salmon River. We overnighted at Pine Bar Campground.

The next morning we awakened to the chuckling of chukars on the cliffs about camp. This would be our first opportunity to cross the Lower Salmon River after returning to Idaho at Lewiston. Then it was a beautiful ride up Rice Creek and across the Doumecq Plains (saw elk and white-tailed deer) to an impressive overlook of the Main Salmon Canyon looking down on the mouth of Whitebird Creek.

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As we progressed down the switchbacks to the river, we saw several more white-tailed deer and chukar. The road passes by Hammer Creek Campground on the Salmon, which is a put-in for those running the Lower Salmon and taking out at the mouth of the Grand Ronde.

Now, it was a climb up Deer Creek (one of the first planting sites for turkey) to Pittsburg Saddle and a drop down Kurry Creek to Pittsburg Landing. Formerly the landing was part of the famous old Circle C cattle ranching operation. It is now a principle take-out for floaters coming down from Hells Canyon Dam and the main jet-boat launch site on the Idaho side of the HCNRA.

From here we returned to Pittsburg Saddle, then proceeded

south along the Salmon-Snake Divide to Cow Creek Saddle. This is where the road from Lucille on the Salmon tops out and drops down to the old Len B. Jordan Ranch on the Snake. The ranch is now a museum representing sheep ranching of the early 1900's.

If we could see down into the Imnaha Canyon from Cow Creek Saddle, the Imnaha store is some 21 airline miles due west. Time was running out so it was down Race Creek to Riggins, then up to New Meadows and south down Red Ridge to No Business Lookout and out West Mountain to ridge to Cascade. If time would have allowed, we could have ridden up Squaw Creek at Riggins to Heavens Gate Overlook on the south end of the Devils. From here the view is just stupendous. Hat Point Lookout is approxi-

mately 11 air-line miles to the northwest across the Snake River Gorge. We then could have swung southwest off Highway 95 on the Smokey-Boulder road over the Railroad Saddle to Lost Creek, then down the West Fork of the Weiser to Fruitvale with a short run to Council.

As alluded to earlier, tremendous vistas, interesting history and challenging riding can be combined and compressed in time. Today's modern motorcycle enables one to create his or her own adventure instead of reading about it. This trip is truly the epitome of such an adventure! We will do it again in '94!

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Good Vision in A Downpour

How to Achieve Good Vision While Driving During A Heavy Downpour

Contributed by Dale Turnipseed

We are not sure why it is so effective; just try this method when it rains heavily. This method was given to me by a Police friend who had experienced and confirmed it. It is useful . . . even driving at night. One method was used by Canadian Military Drivers for years.

Most of the motorists would turn on HIGH or FASTEST SPEED of the wipers during heavy downpour, yet the visibility in front of the windshield was still bad.

In the event you face such a situation, just try your SUN GLASSES (any model will

do), and miracle! All of a sudden your visibility in front of your windshield is perfectly clear, as if there is no rain.

Make sure you always have a pair of SUN GLASSES in your car, as you are not only helping yourself to drive safely with good vision, but also

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might save your friend's life by giving him this idea. Try it yourself and share it with your friends! Amazing, you still see the drops on the windshield but not the sheet of rain falling.

You can see where the rain bounces off the road. It works to eliminate "blindness" from passing semis spraying you, too. Or the "kickup" if you are following a semi or car in the rain. They ought to teach that little tip in driver's training. It really does work.

This next warning is another good one! I wonder how many people know this:

A 36-year-old female had an accident several weeks ago and totaled her car. A resident of Kinburn, Ontario was traveling between Kinburn and Ottawa. It was raining, though not excessively, when her car suddenly began to hydroplane and literally flew through the air. She was not seriously injured but very stunned at the sudden occurrence!

When she explained to the OPP Officer what had happened, he told her something that every driver should know — NEVER DRIVE IN THE RAIN WITH YOUR CRUISE CONTROL ON. She thought she was being cautious by setting the cruise control and maintaining a safe consistent speed in the rain. But the Officer told her that if the cruise control is on when your car begins to hydroplane and your tires lose contact with the pavement, your car will accelerate to a higher rate of speed making you take off like an airplane. She told the OPP Officer that was exactly what had happened.

The Officer said this warning should be listed on the driver's seat sun visor — NEVER USE THE CRUISE CONTROL WHEN THE PAVEMENT IS WET OR ICY, along with the airbag warning. We tell our teenagers to set the cruise control and drive a safe speed — but we don't tell them to use the cruise control only when the pavement is dry.

The only person the accident victim found who knew this (besides the Officer) was a man who had a similar accident, totaled his car and sustained severe injuries.

NOTE: Some vehicles (like the Toyota Sienna Limited XLE) will not allow you to set the cruise control when the windshield wipers are on. If you send this to 15 people and only one of them doesn't know about this, then it was all worth it. You might have saved a life. (*Good information, Dale. Thank you. — JJF*)



Congratulations!

A Happy Belated Birthday

Tom Abel, May 29

July Birthdays

Larry Hlavaty, July 1
Paul Sommerfeld, July 1
Butch Welch, July 3
John Scott, July 9
Phyllis Kochert, July 9
John Beecham, July 10
Lois Lunday, July 10
Fred Christensen, July 14
Sharon Clark*, July 15
Mel Branch, July 19
Rod Duke, July 22
Jo Toomey, July 25
Steve Barton, July 25
Wayne Melquist, July 28
Dale Tankersley, July 29
Diane Ronayne, July 30
Dale Toweill*, July 30

July Anniversary

Gail and Dan Papp,
44 years, July 19

August Birthdays

Monte Richards, August 2
Jeff Copeland, August 4
Bert Bowler, August 4
Herb Pollard, August 5
Mick Hoover*, August 5
Kris Van Cleave, August 14
Lonn Kuck, August 15
Frank Morgan, August 17
Dan Papp, August 20
Gary Will, August 21
Keith Kiler, August 21
Lorrie Parrish, August 24
Norm Guth, August 26
Leon Strickland, August 26
Merry Dell Morris, August 29
Stacy Gebhards, August 31

August Anniversary

Tom and Becky Rogers,
August 20

September Birthdays

Rick Gilchrist, September 1
Don McPherson, September 1
Bob Vaughn, September 3
Tom Leege, September 3
Al Van Vooren, September 4
Ted Chu, September 11
Phil Jeppson, September 13
Dwight Kilgore, September 15
Steve Pettit, September 15
Chuck Garey, September 20
Julie Mulholland*, Sept. 21
Mel Sadecki, September 22
Norma Stewart, September 22

September Anniversary

Beverly and Milt Williams,
September 7

* Current Employee

